



# Superior Court of California County of Sonoma

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Dear Citizen:

Your interest in serving on the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury is sincerely appreciated. Attached is an application. Before submitting it, it may be helpful for you to understand what is involved, and how the Civil Grand Jury is selected. Enclosed you will find a brochure outlining much of this information in addition to the information provided below.

Applications to serve on the Civil Grand Jury are solicited from throughout the county to ensure that the nominees represent a cross section of our community. All applications are screened and are subject to criminal record checks. Suitable applicants are then interviewed by Superior Court Judicial Officers. Upon completion of the interview process, a qualified pool of prospective Grand Jurors is established. Qualified Grand Jurors are invited to attend an orientation prior to the empanelment date. On the empanelment date, 19 Grand Jurors are selected and as many alternates as needed. The final jurors are determined by a drawing of names at a public session of the Superior Court in June, which must be attended by all prospective Grand Jurors.

The selected Grand Jurors are compensated for their attendance at general sessions at the rate of \$15.00 per day, and for committee meetings at the rate of \$12.50 per day. Mileage expense is compensated at the rate set by the Internal Revenue Service for each mile driven for general sessions or committee work.

If you wish to apply for possible service on the 2016-2017 Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury, please complete the application and return it to our Administrative Office, address as shown above. The deadline for submitting applications is **April 6, 2016**. If you have any questions, please call 707-521-6501.

Thank you for your interest in this important civic activity.

Sincerely,

  
José Octavio Guillén  
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